year. The clearing work at Bombay harbour also has been entrusted to them, at the same rates. The total tonnage of consignments imported and exported by the Agents during the year was 6,350·25 tons and 156 75 tons respectively. The total expenditure incurred including customs duty, landing charges, harbour dues, commission paid to agents for services rendered by them and some incidental charges for the transport of consignments to their respective destinations amounted to Rs. 24,18,702-10.

1499. The Department of Industries and Commerce continued to inspect leather goods and other sundry supplies. Steel furniture was inspected by the P.W.D. Department.

1500. The main item of income was by the sale of tender forms. During the year the income stood at Rs. 50,496 (Rs. 31,467). Income.

1501. The total revenue realised by way of registration fees paid by the firms amounted to Rs. 3,370 as against Rs. 1,245 during the previous year.

(viii) Statistics.

1502. In order to be able to tabulate and analyse the large mass volume of data that was being collected in various spheres, in quickest possible time, a mechanical sorting and tabulating unit was installed in the Department during the year.

1503. During the year in sixteen out of nineteen districts, the District Statistical Offices were started functioning.

1504. Forecasts of the area and production under rice did not differ much from its area and production in the previous year. But the production of ragi decreased by nearly 9·3 per cent as compared with its previous year's production and the acreage decreased by about 6·5 per cent in respect of jowar. Due to better seasonal conditions there was an increase of 5·6 per cent in the average yield per acre. In the case of Bajra although there was an increase of nearly 11·1 per cent in area, the production had decreased by one per cent since the average yield per acre had come down by about 11 per cent. Forecasts of area and Production.

1505. The production of sugarcane fell by 4·8 per cent due to low annawari condition in many parts of the State,

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inspite of the increase in area. Both area and production of Kharif pulses recorded a little decrease by 1·5 and 1·4 per cent respectively.

1506. In addition to the compilation of Statistics relating to the area and production of nearly 45 crops during the previous year, statistics relating to area under different categories of land utilisation and sources of irrigation were compiled and furnished to the Government of India for the same year.

Rainfall

1507. Rainfall figures received from 395 rain gauge stations spread over throughout the State indicated that the rainfall was widespread.

General Condition of Crops.

1508. The general condition of the crops, the sowing and transplantation of important crops like paddy, jowar, sugarcane, ragi, etc., were undertaken at proper times. Standing crops were normal in spite of reported cases of attacks by pests and diseases. Some crops like paddy, cotton, jowar and sugarcane were affected due to untimely rains. Ragi and cardamom crops were affected in Coorg District owing to heavy rains in the month of August. During May, crops situated near Nallies of Bhatkal petha were damaged due to the onrush of salt water in the fields and also due to heavy rains. But for these, the standing crops were very good during June 1959 in the districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Mysore and Mandya, while in other districts they were fair.

Crop Estimation Surveys.

1509. Crop estimation surveys were conducted on paddy, ragi, jowar, bajra, tur, grams, wheat, sugarcane, cotton, groundnut, linseed, sesamum and castor.

1510. Pilot investigations for collection of yield data, extent of cultivation and information regarding the cultivation practices of cashewnut was taken in the districts of North Kanara, South Kanara and Coorg, under the technical guidance of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Design of Experiments

1511. The Department provided suitable designs for 350 field experiments conducted on research forms and experimental stations of agricultural and horticultural Departments.

Vital Statistics.

1512. The mid-year population of the State for the calendar year 1959 was 2,21,70,000.

1513. The birth and death reports received from the Registrar of Births and Deaths were compiled.

1514. A Sample Survey to estimate the area and yield and cultivation practices of two most important plantation crops in Mysore State, namely, Cocoanut and Arecanut, was under progress during the year. Four hundred villages spread over 9 districts containing these two crops had been selected for estimation of area and 100 villages out of the above 400, had been selected for estimation of yield.

1515. The Department also initiated Pilot Survey to diagnose the reasons for the existing culturable waste lands and this Pilot study was confined to South Kanara District.

1516. Scrutiny of the quarterly progress reports of four selected projects and the annual progress reports of nineteen selected projects and assisting the concerned project authorities in preparing the reports as per Planning Commission's requirements, were done. Plan Schemes

1517. The Department also conducted a Sample Survey to study the Socio-Economic conditions of slum-dwellers in Bangalore City, and a report of the findings of the survey was prepared and submitted to Government.

1518. In order to assess the availability and improved utilisation of Engineering personnel in Mysore State for National Development work, a Survey has been taken up by the department and the work was in progress.

1519. The Statistical Outline Book for 1959 and the Mysore State in Maps (Kannada Edition) were published for the dissemination of statistical information.

1520. Under the scheme of Administrative intelligence the collection of statistics pertaining to the activities by the Community Development Blocks was continued.

1521. Detailed information with regard to minor irrigation works and number of tanks, etc., was obtained and studied.

1522. Under the scheme of "Training of Statistical personnel", 35 newly appointed Progress Assistants were given intensive training in statistical work at the Block level.

1523. Twelve District Statistical Units were set up during the year. Statistical Units.

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1524. Collection of data for the construction of parity Index of prices received and prices paid by farmers had been in operation since 1958 in 80 randomly selected villages of 64 taluks of the State, was in progress during the year.

Census of Government Employees.

1525. The Census of Government Employees, as on 31st March 1959, was about 1·49 lakhs, of which about three thousand were gazetted 1·06 lakhs non-gazetted and also forty thousand Class IV. About 5·5 per cent of the total number of employees belonged to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(ix) Government Presses.

Important Works executed during the year.

1526. In addition to routine works, printing works of the Secretariat, common and special forms of Government tepartments, Gazettes in English and Kannada, Administration Reports, etc., were also printed during the year.

Photo-Zinco Offset section.

1527. This section was attending to the printing of Maps, Charts, Illustrations and preparation of blocks for printing Text books in Kannada and for several works of Government Department.

Forms Section.

1528. The Branch was attending to the printing and supply of standardised Financial, Common and Departmental and other forms to Government Departments and was supplying all financial and common forms to the Departments throughout the State. The number of letters received was 20,808 and the number replied was 9,658 The number of work dockets issued was 2,009 and the number of work dockets completed was 1,471. In the Despatching Branch, 5,200 issues were made and 7,600 bundles despatched to mofussil places. Supplies of M.A.M. forms and registers to Local bodies were made regularly on recovery of cost by advance payment.

Gazette. Section.

1529. During the year 51 issues of the Weekly Gazette. and 194 Extraordinary Gazettes were issued. Two thousand and fiftysix (2,788) Notifications regarding Land Acquisition were published. The Gazette runs to about 300 pages of about 6,000 copies per week.

General.

1530. Students of the Printing section of Sri Jayachamarajenda Polytechnic, Bangalore, and the students of II and III Year High School classes in Mysore and